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In the application of:

BIJL and SCHAAP

Serial No.: 08/821,025

Filing Date: March 19, 1997

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION

> OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A

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Examiner: I. Marx

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Box RCE Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Notice of Appeal filed August 28, 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 28, 2002 to March 28, 2003.

- X A five month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$1,970.00.
- X A three month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee of \$930.00 on January 28, 2003.
- The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated.
- A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- X Charge \$1,040.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 251502006900.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. <u>251502006900</u>. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

March 25, 2003

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